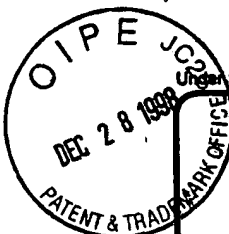


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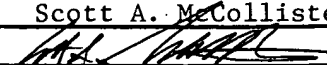
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the subject application, please
amend the claims as follows:

In the Specification

Please revise page 4, lines 14 through 22 as follows:

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With reference to FIG. 2, a second important force acting on a club
head having a center of mass 6 is the centrifugal force 8 acting on the [center of
mass 6 of the] golf club head 2 as the golfer swings the club head through an arc
at velocities approaching 80 miles per hour or more. [As shown in FIG. 2A,]